

Redevelopment already has begun to revitalize our area. The Westside Business Park has been fighting for many years to hurdle the environmental constraints that had stunted its economic growth. Through the Brownfields Initiative the shackles have been broken and today more than \$14 million dollars in HUD Economic Development Initiative Money has been secured for assistance. Union Station built in 1914 is one of the city's greatest historical assets in need of rejuvenation for reuse as a transit, cultural, and commercial center. Yet \$4 million dollars in asbestos abatement must occur before the dream of restoration and reuse can become a reality. Without the Kansas City Brownfields Initiative this would not be possible.

These stories only mark the beginning. The resources needed to accomplish these tremendous tasks throughout the country can only be accessed if all the government agencies continue as a team to help the blighted abandoned warehouses, gas stations, and parking lots that face environmental hardships in order to turn into the schools, businesses, and recreational areas that our neighborhoods need and deserve.

I again applaud my colleagues for realizing it is necessary to assist the Brownfields Initiative for the sake of our nation's economic growth.

IN TRIBUTE

SPEECH OF

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 1998

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Officer Jacob Chestnut and Detective John Gibson, and to honor the sacrifice they made for their country last Friday afternoon. These two dedicated Capitol Police force officers never hesitated for one second when faced with a situation where the lives of others were at risk. They had been trained for such an event and without pause sprang into action and fulfilled their duty.

These men are indeed heroes, in every sense of the word. But, they are ordinary men, with families and friends who mourn their passing. While we have seen in the last few days how dedicated they were to their jobs, we have also learned of how caring they were in their homes and neighborhoods. Testimony after testimony from friends and loved ones has shown us the high regard these men were held in their "civilian" lives. We have seen photos of the prized garden "J.J." kept and whose bounty he shared with all. We have learned that John Gibson kept an eye on his neighborhood and made sure all was right. For a police officer, constant vigilance is the way of life and both of these men lived that credo.

Friday was no exception. As the gunman burst into the Capitol Building through the detector, Officer Chestnut immediately knew trouble was at hand and without hesitation took action. Unfortunately, his assailant had a split second on him and had his gun pulled. Detective Gibson heard the gunshots and

knew immediately what the sound was. He was in the immediate vicinity of several staff members and he took action to put himself between them and the danger at hand. It ultimately took the lives of these two officers, but the lives of many others were spared because of the selfless acts by these two officers.

No words can comfort their families. No words can change the events of last Friday. No words can make these two men come walking through the door. Our words can only serve as some solace to their loved ones. Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson will long live in our consciousness, and in our hearts. Time may ease the sharpness of the pain of their loss, but, I say to their families, they will never be forgotten.

They are, now and forever, heroes of America's democracy.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4059, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AP- PROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

SPEECH OF

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 1998

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank my colleagues for their support of the Military Construction Appropriations Act. This is a bill for appropriations of military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999.

Our military is the hegemon of the globe. We boast of having the strongest fighting force in the world, yet our soldiers go home every evening to homes that are simply not acceptable or safe. I commend the members of this House for their dedication to the men and women in our Armed Services.

I believe this piece of legislation will make positive adjustments for the living conditions of our military personnel. I do understand that there is much more yet to do, however, I commend the Subcommittee for their outstanding efforts considering the means we were given to work with. I have personally seen the poor and unsafe living and working conditions we subject our soldiers to both here in the U.S. and abroad. The funds this House approved last night will go a long way in addressing many of these needs.

Mr. Speaker, this bill goes much deeper than just appropriating funds, this legislation will keep the people who protect and serve our country safe.

IN HONOR OF THE HULETT ORE UNLOADERS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 30, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the important contribution that Hulett ore unloaders have made to mechanical engineering. This year marks the 100th anniversary

of the invention of the Hulett ore unloaders.

Hulett ore unloaders have played a significant role in the industrial history of Cleveland, Ohio. For over 40 years, men had to manually unload ore coming in from the Lake Superior region. After the first shipment in 1852, the men of Cleveland had to manually unload about two tons of ore. A 300 ton shipment could take a week to unload.

George Hulett's invention of the Hulett ore unloader revolutionized the shipping process of iron ore by making it a less timely and less costly process. It gave men a break from hard labor and allowed them to enhance their mechanical skills. These skills in turn made them more employable and more capable to take care of their families and provide them with the necessities of a good home and a decent education. Hulett ore unloaders fostered the developments of steel mills and factories throughout the Great Lakes region, creating jobs and industrial progress along the way.

This year the American Society of Mechanical Engineers will designate the last four Hulett ore unloaders as historical landmarks. On behalf of the Congress of the United States I stand today in recognition of George Hulett and his outstanding contribution to the engineering world.

IN TRIBUTE

SPEECH OF

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 1998

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, many years ago a poet eulogized the sacrifice of hundreds of young men. The poet was Tennyson. The poem was the "Charge of the Light Brigade." In this famous verse, Tennyson gave answer to those who wondered why so many young men would give so much. "Theirs not to make reply," Tennyson explained. "Theirs not to reason why. Theirs but to do and die."

The price of freedom has never been cheap. But in America, there have always been those willing to meet the demand, bear the burden, and pay the price to keep our nation free.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that America will remain the land of the free only as long as it is the home of the brave. Andrew Jackson once said that one man with courage is a majority. Last Friday afternoon, not one but two courageous leaders formed a supermajority—and thereby saved the lives of others.

When the moment of crisis arose last week, Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson were not found wanting. They were there. They responded. And they gave their lives.

The thin blue line held firm last Friday—thanks to two heroes. Like the men of Tennyson's tribute, their sacrifice was complete. It was theirs to respond. It is ours to remember. Mr. Speaker, I hope America never forgets that freedom isn't free. And I know that the prayers and thoughts of every American are with the Chestnut and Gibson family.

May God Bless them. And May God Bless America.